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Sale of grazing and fishery rights in the West Godavari district.

*1253 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what amount was realized by the sale of (i) the grazing rights, and (ii) the fishery rights during each of the last five years in respect of the Public Works Department channels in West Godavari district;

(b) how many village panchayats in West Godavari district were granted leases of the said grazing and fishery rights in their respective areas and what was the total amount which the panchayats had to pay under the said leases; and

(c) whether Government propose to remit the grazing and fishery fees in respect of the leases to the village panchayats?

A.—(a) (i) The grazing rights are not sold in respect of any of the Public Works Department channels in the West Godavari district.

(ii) The amounts realized by the sale of the right of fishing during the last five years is noted below:—

	RS.	A.
1924-25	367	14
1925-26	462	7
1926-27	606	2
1927-28	1,909	5
1928-29	768	6

(b) The lease of the right of fishing has been granted to seven village panchayats and a sum of Rs. 22-8-0 is realized thereby.

(c) The answer is in the negative so far as the fishery fees are concerned. The question does not arise as regards the grazing rights which are not sold.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"With reference to the answer to (c), may I know, Sir, why the Government do not propose to remit the fishery fees to the village panchayats, considering the small nature of the amount?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not know whether that matter has been considered. If the hon. Member is making a suggestion, it will be considered."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Seeing that the amount realized is very small, will the Government consider the desirability of remitting it altogether?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"In that case, we shall probably have to prohibit fishing altogether."

Improvement of the feeder sources of Malidevaraya cheruvu tank in Cuddapah taluk.

*1254 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal to improve the feeder sources of Malidevaraya cheruvu of Gotur village in Cuddapah taluk;

(b) whether the ryots of the said village of Gotur memorialized to the Collector and the Public Works Department authorities requesting them to direct the waters of one Pankoli vanka into the said tank;

(c) whether the Public Works Department authorities investigated the scheme and if so, with what result;